

REGIONAL FUGITIVE TASK FORCES

CATCH OF THE WEEK

Week of August 1st, 2005

Taking the Worst of the Worst Off the Streets

Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force

On August 3, 2005, investigators from the Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force (SERFTF), with the assistance of the Fulton County Police Department, arrested fugitive Dana Kennedy at a home in College Park, Georgia. Kennedy was wanted by the Detroit, Michigan Police Department for criminal homicide and two counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and by the USMS for unlawful flight to avoid prosecution. The charges stemmed from a drive-by shooting in Detroit earlier this year that Kennedy was believed to have committed, using an AK-47. On July 23, 2005, Kennedy was arrested in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania by the Pittsburgh Police Department for possession of a small amount of marijuana and resisting arrest. The arresting officer stated that during a 'shots fired' call at a bar, he encountered Kennedy and several other males. All of the subjects were ordered to lie on the ground at which time Kennedy threw the marijuana out of his pocket onto the sidewalk and tried to flee. He continued to resist officers' commands, and was eventually tasered before finally being subdued. The entire arrest scene was filmed by the television program *COPS*. At that time, Kennedy told police his name was James Wroe. Before the jail could learn of Kennedy's true identity, however, he was released on an unsecured bond and fled. Deputy U.S. marshals proceeded to the Pittsburgh Police Records Office and retrieved Kennedy's arrest photo and report which they quickly forwarded to the Detroit office. The investigation into Kennedy soon provided leads that showed he was possibly in the Atlanta area, and on July 28, 2005, the USMS office in Detroit requested the assistance of the SERFTF in locating Kennedy. On the morning of August 3, 2005, SERFTF investigators conducted surveillance on an address developed during the investigation by USMS Detroit office. At approximately 10:00 a.m., investigators surrounded the home and made contact with the residents. Although initially deceptive, they eventually acknowledged that Kennedy was downstairs. Task Force investigators soon located the fugitive hiding under several items in the basement. Kennedy was initially non-compliant but soon relented and was quickly taken into custody without incident. His criminal history includes fourteen prior arrests including several for assault, firearms violations, sexual battery, and a previous homicide.



Dana Kennedy

**Wanted for Homicide,
and Aggravated
Assault with a Deadly
Weapon**

Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force

During the period of April 14, 2005 through July 13, 2005, Randy Harris robbed the Bank of America, the Congress Heights Post Office, two U.S. postal trucks, and one Dunbar armored car. On April 14, 2005, Harris entered the Bank of America with a hand gun and an improvised explosives device in a bag, made his way into the vault, and ordered the teller to empty safe. The teller screamed for everyone to get down and attempted to sound the alarm. Harris dropped the explosive device and ran out of the bank. On May 6, 2004, Harris entered the Congress Heights Post Office wearing a U.S. Postal Service uniform, pointed hand gun at the manager's head and instructed the manager to give him all of the money. The manager placed \$3,657.00 into a bag and Harris ran off. On June 2, 2005, a Postal Service employee was making his evening collections at the Congress Heights Post Office when Harris, armed with a hand gun, approached the rear of his truck and made off with three bags of money containing \$69,991.00. On June 30, 2005, a Postal Service employee was making his evening collections at the Oxon Hill Post Office when Harris, again armed with a hand gun, approached the rear of his truck and made off with \$14,451.00 and \$425.61 in checks and postal money orders. On July 13, 2005, two Dunbar Armored car employees were robbed at gun point by Harris, who was wearing a U.S. Postal Service uniform. During the robbery, Harris dropped his cell phone, which, along with other evidence collected by Postal Inspectors, tied Harris to all of the robberies. On August 1, 2005, a warrant was issued out of Montgomery County, Maryland, charging Harris with armed robbery. On August 3, 2005, members of the Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force (CARFTF) and the United States Postal Inspections Service Robbery Squad arrested Randy Harris in Mount Rainier, Maryland.



Randy Harris

**Wanted for Armed
Robbery**


Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force


On August 3, 2005, Mary Rainey was arrested by Great Lakes Regional Task Force (GLRFTF) in conjunction with the USMS-Detroit. Rainey was wanted by the Gary, Indiana Police Department on six separate charges including charges for murder, two counts of attempted murder, attempted battery, battery, and involuntary manslaughter. On June 29, 2005, at approximately 3:00 a.m., the subject began shooting an AK-47 type assault rifle at an individual and subsequently struck a third party that was not involved in the disturbance. This individual died from his wounds. Task Force officers with the GLRFTF-Hammond office began working on the case and were able to develop information that Rainey was at an address in Detroit. Task force officers contacted USMS-Detroit who proceeded to location and arrested Rainey without incident. Rainey is currently being held in the Wayne County Jail awaiting extradition.



Mary Rainey

**Wanted for Murder,
Attempted Murder,
Battery, Attempted
Battery, and
Involuntary
Manslaughter**

New York/New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force	
<p>On August 8, 2005, the NY/NJ Regional Fugitive Task Force arrested Sean Evans who was wanted by the Camden County, New Jersey Prosecutor's Office for felony possession of a firearm, and by the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole on a parole violation stemming from an underlying robbery charge. The firearms charge stemmed from an incident in which the subject discarded a handgun while fleeing police during a motor vehicle stop. A lead was generated and on August 8, 2005, Task Force members proceeded to a residence within the city of Camden, New Jersey. Evans, who was hiding in a bedroom, struggled briefly with task force members before being subdued. Evans was then taken into custody without further incident.</p>	 <p>Sean Evans</p> <p>Wanted for Felony Possession of a Firearm and Parole Violation</p>

Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force	
<p>Mark Francis Elder was arrested on August 5, 2005 in Daytona Beach, Florida by members of the San Diego component of the Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force (PSWRFTF) and local police officers. In 1988, a female victim was found stabbed to death in an apartment in San Diego. No suspect was identified and the case remained unsolved for the next 17 years. During the 1980s, a San Diego Homicide Task Force included the case in a group of unsolved homicides of more than 40 women. Some of the homicide victims were prostitutes and transient drug users. Recently, members of the PSWRFTF, working in conjunction with a "cold case" team from the San Diego Police Department (SDPD) developed information that DNA evidence recovered at the murder scene matched DNA evidence recovered in a more recent series of unsolved sexual assaults in Florida, some of which victimized prostitutes. Working in conjunction with Florida officials, PSWRFTF and SDPD investigators developed information that led them to believe that Elder was a possible suspect, based on a traffic stop conducted by the Daytona Beach Police (DBPD) in July 2005. During the traffic stop, a DBPD Officer seized a partially smoked marijuana cigarette from Elder. PSWRFTF and SDPD investigators arranged for the marijuana cigarette to be tested and learned that the DNA from saliva on the cigarette matched the DNA found at the scene of the unsolved murder case and in the sexual assaults in Florida. Arrest warrants were then issued for Elder in both California and Florida. A Task Force officer from the PSWRFTF traveled to Florida and made contact with a surveillance team from the Volusia County Sheriff's Department (VCSD) that had placed Elder under surveillance. Elder was subsequently arrested without incident and taken to the Volusia County Jail for booking and further processing.</p>	 <p>Mark Elder</p> <p>Wanted for Murder</p>